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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 00-004

TO: School District Superintendents and Business Managers
FROM: Lyle Friesen, Director of School Finance, ADE
DATE: September 8, 1999
SUBJECT: Teacher Experience Index, A.R.S. §15-941

A.R.S. §15-941 requires that the Teacher Experience Index (TEI) for all school districts in Arizona be based on the experience of all certified teachers. Errors in Sierra Vista's employee report, not reviewed by the school district until FY 1999-00 budget preparation time, require the statewide TEI to be recalculated for the second time this fiscal year. This affects the TEI for every school district.

Please find enclosed the new SAIS SDER96-1 report, which includes your district's new TEI. This TEI is to be incorporated into the calculation of your Base Support Level.

It is imperative that reports, whether for membership and absence, school district employees, transportation, or any other report, be reviewed immediately upon receipt. Your district's budget capacity and equalization assistance, and in this case, that of every other district in the state, is at stake.

In addition to mailing through the U.S. Postal Service (which will include hardcopy of SDER96-1), the memo is being faxed and e-mailed (if address is available). The SDER96-1 will not accompany faxed or e-mailed transmissions, but is available on the ADE web site at your district page, which may be reached at this address (Reports/Data):

<http://www.ade.state.az.us/SchoolFinance/districts>

Beginning with the September, 1999 apportionment (APOR55-1 report), this new TEI will be used. Consequently, the SAIS BUDG25 reports, due out October 30, 1999, will include this new TEI in the budget analysis. Both reports will be available at the above web site also. Choose the Reports/Data option.

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